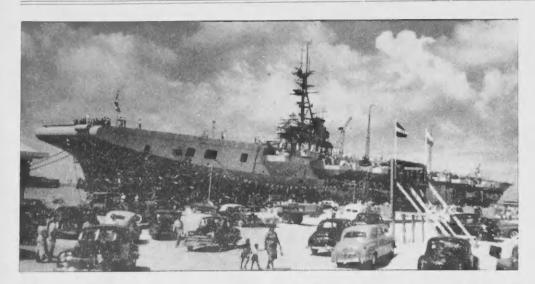


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A huge crowd toured the Dutch aircarft carrier "Karel Doorman" when it was open A huge crowd toured the Dutch aircarit carrier Rafel Doorman when it was open to the public on the afternoon of February 5. The carrier, docked in Oranjestad harbor, visited here from February 4 to the 6th before returning to Curaçao. The ship on which Prince Bernhard travelled from Holland to the West Indies last month, the "Karel Doorman" carries 32 planes and a crew of over 1100 officers and men. The carrier was named after a Dutch commander who went down with his ship in the Java Sea.

Masha hopi hende a probechá di oportunidad ofrecí na público en general pa bishita e porta-avion Holandes "Karel Doorman" dia 5 di Februari. E vapor ta carga 32 aeroplano y na tur tin 1100 hende abordo.

# O. Mingus Is Appointed General Manager; F.E. Griffin Named General Superintendent J. J. Horigan To Continue as President of Company

Organization changes this month saw O. Mingus becoming general manager of the Lago Oil and Transport Company, Ltd. and F. E. Griffin being appointed

to the new position of general superintendent. J. J. Horigan continues as

president of the Company as well as chairman of the Executive Committee. At the same time D. L. Hussey, who is in Aruba on a two-year rotational loan assignment from the Bayway (New Jersey) Refinery, has been appointed Process Superintendent, replacing Mr. Griffin for that period.

Reporting to Mr. Griffin will be the Process, Mechanical, and Technical Service Departments, as well as the Lago Police Department and the Operations Coordination Division.

All other department heads, as well as

Mr. Griffin, will report to Mr. Mingus. Mr. Griffin, recently elected a member of the Company's Board of Directors, has also been appointed to the Executive Committee. Marine Manager J. Andreae, who was also recently named to the Board, will continue as a member of the Executive Committee. That group now includes Mr. Horigan, chairman; Mr. Mingus, vice chairman; T. C. Brown, and Mr. Griffin and Mr. Andreae. The same men also comprise the Company's Board of Directors. C. F. Smith attends all meetings of the Executive Committee in an advisory capacity.

Mr. Griffin has been appointed chairman of the Coordination Committee, replacing Mr. Mingus. The membership of this Committee, which coordinates all work in the Lago Concession, will include the following: F. E. Griffin (chairman), J. J. Abadie, H. J. Ashlock. H. Chippendale, W. L. Ewart, C. R. Greene, C. J. Griffin, S. Sery, F. W. Switzer, J. M. Whiteley, K. H. Repath, W. B. Cundiff, J. P. Wiley, C. B. Garber, and D. L. Hussey.

Mr. Mingus wil continue as chairman of the Management Staff Committee. Others on this group will include J. M. Whiteley, Dr. R. C. Carrell, J. J. Abadie, D. L. Hussey, H. Chippendale, J. V. Friel, C. B. Garber, Capt. W. L. Thomas, B. Teagle, and F. J. Getts.

Mr. Mingus, who was recently elected vice-president of the Company, started his Lago service in October 1930 as as-

#### Another Supertanker Calls

The most recent of a growing string of Esso supertankers to make Aruba their first port of call, the Esso Bermuda, tied up at the new finger pier February 6. For her maiden voyage she took fresh water from Newport News, Virginia to Amuay Bay, brought a load of crude here from Amuay, and left Aruba with 165,000 barrels of fuel oil bound for New York.

Don't Waste Water

#### A STATEMENT BY OUR PRESIDENT

Most employees know that a gradual reduction of forces has been taking place at Lago starting during the latter part of 1949. In most cases employees leaving the Company have not been replaced. In addition, recruited employees are being released as the work for which they were hired is finished.

This has made employees uneasy about the future of the Company and their own future. Because of this, it is well to explain what is causing this force reduction, as well as some of the main things that will affect our operations in the near future.

A large amount of repair work was built up during the war and right after the

war, because we could not get the necessary materials to do the work. These jobs are rapidly being taken care of, and we believe that all of this postponed maintenance work will be up-to-date by the middle or end of 1950. This is one of the major reasons for reducing the number of employees. In addition, our construction work has been decreasing from the very high rate of the last few years, and will continue to decrease throughout 1950 and 1951.

Another thing affecting maintenance work is the change in the products being ordered by our customers since the war. An outstanding example is the lower demand for aviation gasoline; this has caused the shutdown of the Hydro Plant, Poly Plant, one Alkylation Plant, and one Acid Contact Plant. In other words, less equipment being operated means less maintenance work.

The above briefly outlines the known facts making the force reduction necessary. Attempting to see our future situation is more difficult. Here are some general influences which may well affect the amount of crude we process:

- 1- An increased flow of oil from the Middle East and elsewhere, which brought about the building of refineries in Europe and elsewhere during and after the
- 2- An over-building in the whole petroleum industry to help meet the huge demand for oil products immediately following the war.
- 3- Canada's producing more of her own oil supplies.

4- General increased competition all along the line.

These things make it likely that the crude runs for 1950 will be lower than the average in 1949. Such a case may bring about the shutdown of more process units which would, in turn, require less Process personnel and less maintenance.

Two additional conditions will have an influence; their effect is difficult, if not

impossible, to estimate. These are:

- 1- The currency situation, which strongly affects business on an international basis. 2- The possibility of some countries putting import restrictions on oil products.
- It is practically impossible to predict the final effect of all these things. However, with less construction work, a decreasing maintenance load, and probably a lower processing load that will reduce maintenance still further, it is plain that we will have more men than we have jobs. It had been hoped that a gradual reduction in forces could be made through the usual resignations, other terminations, etc. It appears, however, that this will not be sufficient, and additional layoffs will be necessary throughout this year.

It is a hard fact that in these days of very strong competition in the oil industry, no company expecting to stay in business can afford to carry extra men on the

The conditions making a force reduction necessary are world-wide and are beyond Lago's control. However, employees are assured that the Company is strongly interested in keeping the highest possible production at Aruba.

J. J. Horigan

#### Carrier Commander Extends Thanks

Following the departure of the Dutch aircraft carrier "Karel Doorman" after its visit here, the following cable was received by Acting Lt. Governor H. A. Hessling:

"On behalf of the entire crew I thank you and others who made our too brief visit unforgettable. Please convey our

(signed)

Commander of HMS Karel Doorman.



Members of the Lago Employee Council are seen above with the Management representatives with whom they are working out the Council's constitition and a working agreement. From the left, around the table, are J. Maduro, S. Luydens, F. Dirksz (president), C. R. Bishop (vice-president), J. V. Friel, H. Chippendale, F. E. Griffin, E. Byington, F. J. Getts, H. Blaize, S. Frederick (substituting for N. Baptiste while the latter is on vacation), and B. K. Chand. Inset are Mr. Baptiste and H. Kelly (secretary).

Miembronan di Lago Employee Council a reuní cu representantenan di Directiva cu kendenan e Council ta trahando riba constitucion di e Council y riba un combenio di trabao.

#### Mingus Nombrá Gerente General Griffin Ta Haya Puesto Nobo

Cambionan den organizacion cu a tuma lugar e luna aki a resultá den nombramiento di O. Mingus como Gerente General di Lago Oil & Transport Company, Ltd., y F. E. Griffin a haya e puesto nobo di Superintendente General. J. J. Horigan ta sigui como presidente di Compania y como presidente di Comité Ehecutivo.

Na mes tempo, D. L. Hussey, kende ta na Aruba pa dos anja segun un combenio di préstamo entre Lago y refineria di Bayway, New Jersey, a worde nombrá Hefe di Departamento di Refinamiento, reëmplazando Sr. Griffin.

E siguiente departamentonan ta reportá na Sr. Griffin: Process, Mechanical, Technical, Lago Police, y Operations Coordination Division.

Tur otro hefenan di departamentonan, incluyendo Sr. Griffin, lo reportá na Sr. Mingus.

#### LEC CONSTITUTION INSIDE

A copy of the new Lago Employee Council constitution appears as an insert in this issue of The Aruba Esso-News. The constitution was recently drafted by members of the LEC working with Company representatives. Work is proceeding on the working agreement. It will also appear in a future News as an insert.

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#### NOS PRESIDENTE TA BISA:

Casi tur empleado sa cu reduccion di cantidad di empleadonan ta tumando lugar na Lago desde cabmento di anja 1949. Den mayoria di casonan, empleadonan cu a kita foi Compania no a worde reemplazá. Ademas, empleadonan temporario ta bolbe nan tera segun cu e trabao pa cual nan a worde contratá bini cla.

Esaki haci cu empleadonan ta preocupá pa futuro di Compania y pa nan mes futuro. Pa es motibo, lo ta bon pa splica kico ta causando e reduccion di cantidad di empleadonan, y tambe algun di e puntonan cu lo afectá nos negocio den futuro.

Un gran cantidad di trabao di reparacion a montoná durante di guerra y unbez despues di guerra, pasobra nos no por a haya e materialnan pa haci e trabao. Es trabaonan di reparacion ta biniendo cla rápidamente, y nos ta spera di tin nan tur cla pa banda di mei-mei of fin di anja 1950. Esaki ta un di e promé motibonan pakico cantidad di empleadonan ta worde reducí. Ademas, nos trabao di construccion ta menguando for di e cantidad haltu cu el a alcanza durante ultimo anjanan, y lo sigui mengua durante 1950 y 1951.

Un otro cos cu ta afecta trabao di mantenecion ta e cambio den e productonan cu nos clientenan ta encargá. Un ehempel ta e demanda mas abao pa gasoline di aviación; esaki a causa cu nos a cerra Hydro Plant, Poly Plant, un Alkylation Plant, y un Acid Contact Plant. Cu otro palabra, menos equipo nos tin na uso, menos trabao di mantenecion lo ta necesario.

Tur esakinan ta splica brevemente e feitnan reconocí cu ta haci reduccion di cantidad di empleadonan necesario. Awor pa trata na pronosticá com nos situacion futuro lo ta, ta mas dificil. Aki ta sigui algun influencianan general cu lo por afectá e cantidad di azeta crudo cu nos lo refina:

1. Aumento di petroleo foi "Middle East" (Arabia, etc.) y lugarnan, loque a causa construccion di refinerianan na Europa y otro lugarnan durante y despues di guerra.

2. Expansion demasiado den henter industria di petroleo pa responde na e demanda inmenso cu tabatin pa productonan di petroleo imediatamente despues di guerra.

 Canada mes ta produci casi tur petroleo cu nan tin mester.

4. Competencia aumentá en general.

Es puntonan aki ta pone nos pensa cu probablemente nos lo refiná menos azeta crudo durante 1950 cu e promedio refiná durante 1949. Y si esey resultá asina, mas stills lo mester cerra, loque atrobe, lo mengua e cantidad di empleadonan necesario den Departamento di Refinamiento (Process) y cantidad di trabao di mantenecion.

Dos condicionne mas lo tin influencia; nan efecto ta dificil, podiser hasta imposibel pa pronosticá. Esakinan ta:

1. Cuestion di dolar, cu ta stroba negocio riba un base

# Refinery Reporters

Simon Coronel

Bipat Chand
Storehouse
Stataur Bacchus
Simon Geerman
Ooooooo
Bernard Marquis
Instrument
Marine Office
Receiving & Shipping
Acid & Edeleanu
Pressure Stills
CT.R. & Field Shops
T.S.D. Office
Accounting
Mrs. Ivy Butts
Jacinto de Kort

Harold Wathey
Mrs. M. A. Mongree
Eisa Mackintosh
George Lawrence
Calvin Hasseli
Federico Ponson
Edgar Connor
Mario Harms
Cade Abraham
Jan Oduber
John Francisco
Jose La Cruz
Stella Oliver
Receiving & Shipping
Acid & Edeleanu
Pressure Stills
C.T.R. & Field Shops
T.S.D. Office
Accounting
Powcrhouse 1 & 2
Laboratories 1 & 2
Laboratory 3
Lago Police
Esso & Lago Clubs
Dining Hall (2)
Catalytic
M. & C. Office
Masons & Insulators
Machine Shop
Blacksmith, Boiler & Tin
Pipe
Welding
Colony Commissary
Colony Commissary
Plant Commissary
Plant Commissary
Colony Service Office
Colony Shops
Garage
Industrial Relations
Sports
Special
Carpenter & Paint
Gas Plant

# Lake Fleet Reporters

 R. Boekheudt
 S.S. "Amacuro"

 M. L. Lane
 S.S. "Ambrosio"

 J. A. Melfer
 S.S. "Andino"

 R. Wilson
 S.S. "Bachaquero"

 N. Sampson
 S.S. "Boccan"

 M. John
 S.S. "Cumarebo"

 N. F. Clarke
 S.S. "Guarico"

 R. M. Josephla
 S.S. "Invercabo"

 F. Modeste
 S.S. "Invercabo"

 P. N. Semeleer
 S.S. "Inverroal"

 C. T. Pantephlet
 S.S. "Jusepin"

 Z. Z. Fleming
 S.S. "Maracay"

 J. Smith
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 J. Smith
 S.S. "Peder: ales"

 W. F. Van Putten
 S.S. "San Carlos"

 C. Gilkes
 S.S. "San Carlos"

 K. Davis
 S.S. "San Carlos"

 L. Findley
 S.S. "San Cristobal"

 C. A. Euton
 S.S. "Temblador"

 J. Kock
 S.S. "Yamanota"

 G. O. Walker
 Shoregang

 J. I. Yanga
 Tug "Colorado Point"

 Relief Pumymen

2. Posibildad cu algun tera lo pone restriccionnan di importacion riba productonan di petroleo.

Ta prácticamente imposibel pa pronosticá efecto final di tur e cosnan aki. Sinembargo, cu menos trabao di construccion, un cantidad menguante di trabao di mantenecion, y probablemente menos refinamiento, cu na su turno ta mengua trabao di mantenecion mas ainda, ta muy claro cu nos lo tin mas empleado cu nos lo tin jobnan. Nos a spera cu un reduccion gradual di e cantidad di empleadonan lo por a worde realizá pa medio di dankmento di trabao, y otro terminacionnan di custumber. Pero awor ta parce cu esey lo no ta suficiente, y lo ta necesario pa "lay off" varios empleado durante henter e anja aki.

Ta un feit menos agradabel cu den tempo actual cu tanto competencia cu tin den industra di petroleo, ningun compania cu ta spera di sigui existi, no por permiti nan mes e luho di tene empleadonan extra den nan empleo.

E condicionnan cu ta haci reduccion di e cantidad di empleadonan necesario ta condicionnan mundial y for di control di Lago. Sinembargo, nos ta sigurá empleadonan cu Compania ta sumamente interesá na sigui cu e produccion di mas halto posibel.

J. J. Horigan

#### Surinam Goes Toward Home Rule As Interim Regulation Starts

internacional.

On January 20 the Interim Regulation for Surinam went into effect, with the Surinamers taking control over their domestic affairs and setting out on the first step toward self-government. Under the new set-up, responsibility for government has been shifted from a Dutch-appointed governor to a nineman cabinet.

A 21-man legislative council, elected directly by the people, will make the laws, and the number of eligible voters will be vastly increased. The majority party in the council, or Staten, will appoint the cabinet.

Under the Labinet.

Under the Interim Regulation, the role of the governor in Surinam's affairs will be changed. In the past, by securing an ordinance from Holland, he could declare all legislation passed by the Staten null and void; at that time ten members of that body were elected, and five appointed by the governor. The governor, representative of the Crown who is appointed by the Queen, now signs all laws and refuses only if the law endangers the independence of the United Kingdom or involves foreign agreements or treaties.



Gregorio Frank, sub-foreman A in the Instrument Department, was recently named to the Lago Sport Park Recreation Committee, replacing F. Dirksz; Mr. Dirksz resigned when he was elected to the LEC. Mr. Frank has worked for Lago since 1933.

#### Bicycle & Boat Plates Out; Car Plates To Follow Soon

The Collector of Taxes here has announced that license taxes on bicycles, motorcycles, and motorboats or boats with auxiliary motors are now payable.

No announcement has been made on when automobile plates will be available; however, they are being distributed in Curaçao now and are expected here in the near future.







# Traffic Changes Made in Area Around Main Office

Several changes have recently been made to more effectively and safely handle the flow of traffic in the area around the General Office Building. All the changes are noted by the installation of new traffic signs.

A pedestrian walkway has been painted across the street in front of the door of the building; yellow markers have been painted parallel to the building in front and are not to be crossed by cars (entrance and exit to this area is noted by two openings in the markers); and four additional parking stalls have been set up at the east end of the building in front. These stalls are for persons planning brief visits to the building; others should use the parking area across the street, which now has one designated entrance and one exit.

Future plans call for one-way traffic counter-clockwise around the General Office Building. However, this plan will not go into effect for several weeks, when construction material for the addition to the building is cleared away.

# 3 Are Promoted in Process,2 in Mechanical Department

Promotions recently went to three employees in the Process Department and to two in the Mechanical Department. Those receiving the new assignments are D. E. Johnson, J. H. Bouten, and L. S. Mawby in the Process Department; and A. P. Gongriep and J. A. Roll in the Mechanical.

Mr. Johnson was appointed assistant divison superintendent in charge of the Cracking Department. He replaces P. A. O'Brien, who was transferred to the Catalytic Department as assistant division superintendent, replacing H. V. Locker; Mr. Locker will be assigned to a training position in connection with the Executive Development Program. Mr. Johnson's Company service began in March 1921 with the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey in Charleston, South Carolina. From February 1924 to September 1928 he was with the Com-





D. E. Johnson (above left)

J. H. Bouton (above right)

L. S. Mawby (left)

A. P. Gongriep (below left)

J. A. Roll (below right)



pany in Mexico, and in 1928 he went to Venezuela. He was with the West India Oil Company first, then with Creole from 1934 until October 1945, when he came to Lago. Mr. Johnson was formerly process foreman in the Cracking Department.

Mr. Bouton was named shift foreman in the Cracking Department. He came to Lago in May 1931 in the Cracking Department, and was formerly a shift breaker for shift foremen and assistant shift foremen I.

Mr. Mawby was appointed shift foreman in the Light Oils Finishing Department. A Lago employee since January 1930, Mr. Mawby first worked in the Acid Plant. Before his new assignment, he was a shift breaker for shift foremen and assistant shift foremen I.

In the Mechanical Department, Mr. Gongriep was transferred to the Field Coordination Group and named assistant zone supervisor, Zone 5, and Mr. Roll was named assistant general foreman, Machinist.

Mr. Gongriep started with Lago in February 1933 in the Machinist Department. Prior to his new appointment he was a temporary zone foreman (new).

Mr. Roll's Lago service began in March 1946 in the M&C Machinist Department. He was formerly shop foreman in the Machine Shop.

#### "Brownie" Leaves Bayway Docks After Year-And-A-Half Wait

"Brownie", the celebrated dog who hung around the dock area at the Bayway (N.J.) Refinery for a year-and-a-half, finally disappeared. He went away around Christmas and hasn't been heard of since.

The attention of Bayway employees was first drawn to "Brownie" when they saw the forlorn pup wandering around the dock area. They believed that the dog had overstayed his shore leave from a Norwegian tanker which was docked there, and that the ship had sailed without him.

The plight of the patient "Brownie" haunting the dock area waiting for his master's ship to return drew nationwide attention. At first he spurned the attention of Bayway employees; then he grew more friendly toward them.

Finally, he settled down comfortably in a snug doghouse with plenty of good food and attention from the men working in the area.

Then, around Christmas week, he disappeared and no one knows where he is. He may have gone off on a prolonged holiday binge and may return anyday now with a sheepish grin on his face, or he may have lit out for good. Wherever he is though, it's a sure bet that "Brownie" is living a dog's life.

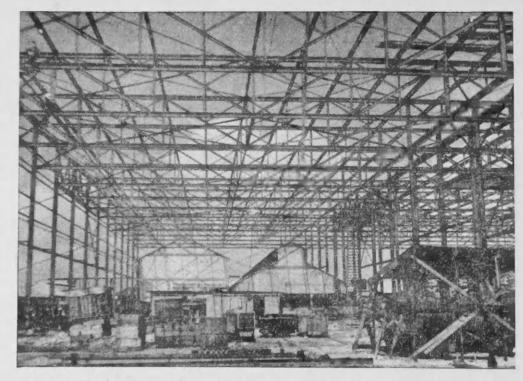
# Sixth Tropical America Olympiad Starts Feb. 25

Athletes from all over Central America and the Caribbean area are gathering in Guatemala this week to take part in the sixth sports olympiad to be held in this part of the world.

From February 25 to March 6 they will run, jump, swim, fence, wrestle, and try a dozen other ways to bring honor to themselves and their countries.

By early last month 12 countries had registered, the largest number ever to enter the classic. The largest delegation will be Mexico, with 78 women, 288 men, and 63 attendants of various kinds. At latest reports over 50 will set out from Aruba and Curacao.

Mexico, San Salvador, Cuba, Panama, and Colombia have been the scene of former meets. For the last four years Guatemala has been busy building a stadium seating 50,000, and the gymnasiums, swimming pools, baseball diamonds, bicycle tracks, and many other facilities needed for a sports meet of this size. Air, sea, train, and car transportation, as well as hotels and private homes, have been marshalled to take care of the thousands of spectators Guatemala expects for the biggest sporting event in its history.



A spiderweb of columns and trusses is woven as the new M & C shop extension rises where the old Executive and Accounting offices once stood. The new structure, which is the first part of a long-range plan for the future, will tie in with the present shops visible in the distance. The Machine Shop and Carpenter Shop will occupy part of it; the Storehouse will have the balance, to replace indoor storage they will lose at the lower yard when the new Commissary is completed.

# Candy Windmill Highlights Luncheon For Prince



One of the main events in H.R.H. Prince Bernhard's visit to Lago last month was the luncheon given by the Company, and one of the main events of the luncheon was the presentation of a big all-candy windmill made by M. Deroy of the Dining Hall.

At least 75 children eventually got sticky mouths and fingers from the windmill, after the Prince requested that it be given to the Lago School. The different classes drew lots for it; it was



won by one first grade class, which shared it with the other first grade, which shared it with some children who just looked hungry for candy.

A closeup of the windmill is shown (above, left), with Janet Hoffman, daughter of the school principal. The picture above at right was taken just after the presentation, with Dining Hall supervisor J. F. X. Auer receiving the Prince's compliments.



Shown above are the Dining Hall waiters who served at the luncheon. Left to right are: E. Cowie; Clifford Coombs; Whitford Sampson; Harold Baptiste; E. Bailey; Gladstone Pemberton; Joseph Walcott; and Arthur E. Joseph. Also among the waiters who served were P. P. Wilson; D. J. Jackson; and William Van Aan Holt.







Join in the Fight to Cut Costs

#### Trinidad's Snake Skin Industry

Trinidad, with an eye to earning every United States dollar it possibly can, sees a new industry on the horizon. With an abundance of macajuel and bushmasters in the forest, businessmen now see the possibility of making leather from snake skins for export to the United States.

Actually, snake farms will have to be established along the lines of those existing in the United States, Brazil, and other parts of South America. It has been realized that snake skins in the United States and South America are bringing attractive prices and are no more beautiful, varied, or durable than the West Indian variety.

The businessmen, now concerned with the added impetus of earning dollars, are faced with the problem of obtaining material from the United States that will lift the industry from its now limited scope and once more capitalize on this untouched natural resource of Trinidad.

Leather workers, including shoemakers, ladies' bag manufacturers, and those in the belt-making and minor memento industries, will stand to benefit enormously from this innovation. The skins are used for making wallets, shoes, handbags, belts, braces, and the softer types appear as neck ties and hat bands. Their use is increasing daily as the possibilities present themselves, and snake lovers who merely kept the reptiles as a hobby are reaping the harvest of what was once looked upon as a queer pastime.

A Trinidad manufacturer of shoes said recently that the possibilities of snake skins had been realized for a long time in his business, and some effort was made in a small way to capitalize on the tourist trade in the form of fob straps and other little souvenir items that catered to the traveler. When currency restrictions impeded the importation of leather from Venezuela, the local snake skin was seen as the only answer to this problem. But that required the importation of equipment and a certain amount of training of personnel in Trinidad. Early experiments quickly caught on and gave promise of a bright future, especially among the ladies, who found the material much more attractive than ordinary leather.

Another fact that encouraged further investment was that snake skin has proved far more durable than cowhide, providing it is properly cured. This, coupled with the fact that it reacted to glossing beyond expectation, and adding greatly to its natural beauty, resulted in full-scale operations.

# British Guiana Minister Is Visitor to Refinery

An interested visitor to the refinery early this month was Reverend Alfred Thomas of British Guiana, who is acting for Reverend Jakeman at the Anglican Church during the latter's three-month furlough (and is also having the opportunity of an extended visit with his daughter and his son-in-law, Samuel Rajroop of the Aruba Esso News).

With Thomas Kelley of L.O.F. as guide, Reverend Thomas was shown most of the route followed by Venezuela's crude oil as it comes in by lake tanker, goes through the various refining processes, and is shipped out as finished products in ocean-going tankers to many parts of the world. Included in his tour was a windy visit to the upper levels of the Cat Cracker, where he got a bird's eye view of the plant, harbor, and residential areas.

Reverend Thomas, well-pleased with his first visit to a large refinery, commented especially on his impression of Lago's importance to the economic status of the island, and said how fortunate British Guiana would be if it had more of such industries.

#### MINGUS-GRIFFIN PROMOTED

Cont. from page 1 sistant Pressure Still foreman in Process Cracking. In July 1935 he became general foreman of Light Oils Finishing and, after successive higher appointments in the Process Department, was named Process Superintendent in June 1945. In August 1946 he became assistant general manager, the position he held until his present appointment.

Mr. Griffin's Company service began in February 1928 with the Mexican Petroleum Corporation in New Haven, Connecticut. He came to Lago in September 1929 as a second class oil inspector in the Process Lab. The following year he became a stillman. In October 1936, after successive promotions in the Process Department, he became general foreman of Light Oils Finishing. In January 1939 he became assistant division superintendent in LOF, and in February 1945 division superintendent. In August 1946 he was named Process Superintedent, the position he held until his new assignment this month.

Mr. Hussey's Jersey service began in 1925 as a student engineer at the Bayway Refinery. In 1945 he became Bayway's process superintendent. Last December he arrived in Aruba in connection with Jersey Standard's Executive Development Program.

# An Essential Cog in Lago's Operations:



They fight the breeze . . . .

# The Lowly Paperweight

The trade wind over Aruba blows most of the year at a speed of 15 miles per hour. It sweeps the land bare of soil; it slowly bends trees; it makes Aruba a land of split personality, with heavy surf on the windward side and sandy beaches on the leeward. No matter how often doors are closed, or windows are shuttered, the trade wind manages to slip into a room and turn everything topsy-turvy.

So, this article speaks in praise of the long-ignored paperweight. The paperweight deserves some glory, for it does its daily duty of fighting the wind.

No matter whether it anchors down an ordinary memo, or a Fls. 1000 check, its place in Lago is essential.

Paperweights come in all sizes and shapes, and each of them has a history. In the picture above are some of the more interesting ones, picked up from offices throughout the refinery.

Upper left is this metal plaque celebrating the billionth barrel of oil produced by Lago since January 1929. It comes from the desk of Captain F. Ellis, Marine Department. The date on the plaque is March 1946. Remember?

Next is this tiny horseshoe. It is not an imitation, but an actual shoe from one of the small horses in the south of England.

Third from left is this wooden ball consisting of seven different types of wood. It is used as a paperweight by E. M. Harris, Light Oils Finishing. The ball came from Surinam to Aruba several years ago.

Center is this Esso gasoline pump which serves as a cigarette lighter. It



Above, Ricardo van Blarcum, Steward's Department, poses with his stainless-steel, rust-proof, everlasting paperweight. It looks shiny and modern, but it's only the broken spigot from a water fountain.

is the property of J. V. Friel, Industrial Relations. It is a souvenir from the Paris affiliate of Standard Oil (N.J.), and was obtained in 1936.

A Chinese figure (to right of pump) is useful to engineer A. Kirtley, Marine Department. It has been carefully carved from red and white soapstone. This ornament, consisting of a shepherd and two rams on an ornately carved rock, is a family heirloom.

The miniature iron anvil to the right of the Chinese figure comes from the

#### Princess Marijke Is 3 on 18th

Her Royal Highness Princess Marijke will celebrate her third birthday on Saturday, February 18.

#### SCHEDULE OF PAYDAYS

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February 1—28 Thursday, March 9

office of E. Kulisek, assistant safety supervisor. It is a memento of a coke furnace installation he worked on in Gary, Indiana for the Willputte Coke Oven Corporation of New York,

Looking again to the left, this large white object is a tooth from a whale. Brought in by one of the whalers which stopped at Aruba recently, this tooth has been polished and cleaned to make an unusual paperweight.

A practical gift to Lago offices from Chas. Martin & Company, Inspectors of Petroleum, is this small sandbag to right of the whale's tooth. The bag is made of strong leather, filled with fine sand, and inscribed with the firm name.

To the right of the Esso pump is a fine piece of quartz from Kristalberg in Aruba. The many-sided needles of quartz on the top of the stone make a sparkling desk ornament.

Far right is another mineral from Aruba. It is the center portion of a stalactite. These strange formations hang down from the roofs of caves and are formed by dripping water which deposits minerals through the years.

One odd paperweight came from the Training Division. It is a solid cylinder of metal in which has been drilled a hexagonal hole. It was done by an apprentice machinist using a special triangular bit on a lathe.

In the foreground is a small barrel celebrating the Employee Relations Conference held in 1946. The barrel was a souvenir of the conference which brought members of the company together from all parts of the Caribbean area.

Right foreground is this iron cross or "Coptic" cross. It is reputed to be from the tomb of a Pharoh and to represent a source of power. It's now used in the C.Y.I. office to keep new ideas from being mixed up.



# Oswald, the Cook

Oswald, the cook, had prepared a roast chicken for his master's dinner. But when he was bringing it to the table, the smell of it filled his nostrils, and made his appetite grow so very much, that he could not stand the temptation. He cut off a leg and ate it, and covered the dish carefully as if nothing had happened.

It did not take long, however, before his master found out that a leg was missing. He called Oswald and asked him if he had cut off a leg and eaten it.

"No sir", Oswald lied, "it had only one leg when it was alive."

The master did not believe him, and said that Oswald was to be punished until he could show him another hen in the yard with only one leg.

So Oswald watched the hens, and by chance he saw one standing with one of its legs drawn up under it. He ran into the house and said:

"Master, come out with me and you will see a hen with only one leg."

The master ran out and when he saw the hen standing on one leg, he put his hands to his mouth and cried: "Shoo, shoo!" upon which the hen put down its other leg and ran off as fast as it could.

"You rascal, you," the master said, "do you think you can fool me?"

"Oh no, master," Oswald answered, "but when the chicken was on the dish you did not say 'shoo, shoo!" If you had it would have put out its other leg."

The master found this to be such a clever answer, that he forgave Oswald, upon the latter's promise that such a thing would not happen again.

#### Kids Learn Safety from Songs

A new way of teaching safety to children will be put into use soon in the Lago Community School. It's based on a number of well-known songs, with words added which carry various safety

Here's a sample, called "Sing a Song of Safety". It's sung to the tune of "Let Me Call You Sweethart":

> Sing a song of safety As you drive along Streets will be much safer With a safety song.

Let us work for safety Human life prolong Tell the world of safety With a safety song.

The above song, as well as many others, is contained in a booklet called "Sing With Your Singing Cop". The singing cop is Sgt. Wilburn Legree, of Flint, Michigan, the original teacher of cafety through song. The Lago School has recently received copies of his booklet, and plans to use them to put across safety messages to students.

"Stop! Wait! Think!" is sung to the tune of "Hail! Hail! The Gang's All Here". It goes:

Stop! Wait! A car's in the street Don't you see it coming? Hear the motor humming? Stop! Wait! And take your time Help to save a life today.

Another one is sung to the tune of "Smiles":

There are eyes that watch at corners There are feet that cross with care There are ears that listen to the warning Of the cars that happen to be there. Always keep your eyes and ears wide open Let your feet be careful where they stray And remember that the one who's careful Will be kept safe from harm all day.







# E Kokki Sabí

Oswald, un kokki masha sabí, a prepara un galiña gerooster pa su shon. Pero ora e tabata hibé mesa, e holor tabata asina dushi cu su apetit a bira feroz y e no por a resisti tentacion. El a corta un pia afor y el a come, y el a tapa e asechi keto-keto manera nada 'n pasa.

Pero pronto e shon a ripará cu tabata falta un pia. El a yama Oswald y el a puntré si te a corta un pia afor.

"No Shon", Oswald a contesta, "ta un pia so e galiña tabata tin tempo e tabata na bida."

E Shon no a kere, y e di cu Oswald lo worde gestraf te ora cu e mustré un otro galiña den curá cu un pía sô.

Oswald a sinta ta waak e galiñanan y el a mira un di nan pará riba un pia cu e otro hizá bao dje. El a corre p'aden na grito:

"Shon, bin mira; ata un galiña cu un pia só!"

E shon a bini p'afor y ora el a mira e galiña para riba un pia, el a bisa: "Sche, sche!" y e galiña a saka e otro pia, corre bai djei.

"Bandido," e shon di, "bo a kere di bin gaña mi, no"

"No mi shon", Oswald a contesta, "pero ora e galiña tabata riba asechi, bo no a grita 'sche, sche!' pa el a saka su otro pia."

E shon a haya e contesta aki asina sabi, cu el a dicidi di pordoná Oswald, bao promesa cu cosnan asina lo no socede mas.

#### Girl Tames King of the Jungle



Julie Allen, 23-year old lion tamer with the Gran Circo Americano, is seen above in one of her performances in Oranjestad last month. The circus appeared there for three weeks, with Curaçao the next stop on its tour. Miss Allen, from Massachusetts, has been taming lions since 1944 and is one of the youngest lion tamers in the business.

#### M&C Names Supervisory Trainers

The Mechanical Department this month named its supervisory trainers for the various M. & C. departments. Purpose of the move is to follow up the "Modern Supervisory Practices" training course which was recently taken by zone foremen and line foremen.

The following employees were appointed trainers in the different departments: J. Pakozdi, Carpenter and Paint; F. Legenhausen, Colony Maintenance; B. S. DiMurro, Electrical; J. J. Pfaff, Garage and Maintenance; E. J. Hillstead, Instrument; A. J. Hatfield, Masons and Insulators; H. E. Culver, Metal Trades; B. J. Breuver, Pipe; R. Kux, Yard; and J. A. Roll, Machinist.

At the same time, six employees assumed the duties of acting assistant general foremen in their respective departments. They were: J. H. Koster, Carpenter and Paint; J. N. Ehret, Colony Maintenance; M. W. Morris, Electrical; E. R. Moore, Metal Trades; V. C. Burbage, Pipe; and C. F. Bond, Machinist.



RKO starlets Barbara Hale, Tanis Chandler, Jane Greer, and Myrna Dell pose to prove there has been no change in the 1950 shapes on diving boards. Hollywood starlets are seldom seen in dives.



The Lago Sport Park baseball league came to a close February 5 with a presentation match and the awarding of the various prizes. Marine Manager J. Andreae is seen above behind the microphone ready to hand out the awards. To his left is Robert Martin, master of ceremonies for the occasion; and to his right is E. J. Huckleman, chairman of the Lago Sport Park Recreation Committee who assisted in the distribution of prizes.

# NEWS and VIEWS



Rupert Saxon (center left) receives a wedding gift from men of the Labor Craft at the Drydock; Thomas Pickering makes the presentation. Mr. Saxon was married to Victorial Gerome at the Anglican Church on January 28.



Prudencio Luydens (wearing glasses), sub-foreman B in the Pipe Department, retired recently with Company service dating from February 1925. Before he became

an annuitant, Mr. Luydens received a gift from Pipe Department foremen. The presentation was made by C. W. Walker, second from right.



Captains W. L. Thomas, left, and W. E. Porter, right, present ten year service awards to twins Cirapio and Ceriaco Thielman of the Lake Fleet. Cirapio is Chief Steward and Ceriaco is Fireman on the "Inverlago". They were born in Bonaire, August 8, 1921.



Noord Centrale went to Curaçao Christmas, winning two games against Curaçao teams. Above, Philibert Volkers, Noord captain, accepts the cup from the chairman of the Suffisant village; Egbert Carrilho, Machinist Dept. and manager of the Aruba team, kneels at right.



Gladys Sell, dietician at the Hospital, recently resigned to return to school at Columbia University, New York. Before her departure, members of the Hospital staff who worked with her during the past two years presented her with a gift. From left to right the group includes Eudoxía Wilson, Helena St. Louis, Sybil Araham, Dorothea Thomas, Clementina Pacotte, and Mrs. Vita Govia; Miss Sell is seated.

Prome cu Gladys Sell di Hospital a bai foi Aruba luna pasa, empleadonan di Hospitaal cu m traha cune m dune un regalo di despedida. Miss Sell a tuma su retiro pe bolbe bai Universidad na New York.



About 450 crew members of the Dutch aircraft carrier "Karel Doorman" were entertained February 5 at a barbecue given by Lago and sponsored by the Lago Community Council, Members of the Colony's American Legion Post served the food and drinks. Over 800 pounds of beef and pork was served, and shown above is a portion of the crowd that consumed it. The barbecue was held at the Picnic Grounds.

Mas o menos 450 tripulante di e porta-avion Holandes "Karel Doorman" a tuma parti na un picnic cu Lago a duna pa nan dia 5 di Februari. Organizá pa Lago Community Council, miembronan di American Legion a sirbi na e picnic.

# Long Service Awards 20-Year Buttons

Accounting Edmond Armstrong Dry Dock Azaziah Caines Dry Dock Joshua Peters Alex Van Heyningen Lago Police Colony Service Norman Shirley Executive Lewis Swallow Erskine Anderson Acid Plant Josiah Prime Rec. & Ship. Acid Plant Joseph Rodgers Lawrence Mawby LOF Cracking Jacobus Arends Peter Belmar Cracking LPD Louis Browne

#### 10-Year Ruttons

10-Year	Buttons
Bertus Vis	Laboratory
Charles MacMahon	Yard
Johannes Robert	Mason
Henry Wilmoor	M&C Admin.
Mohamed Haniff	TSD Process
Horace Grant	M&C Admin.
Andres Stamper	LOF
Robert Williams Emil Martis	Catalytic Lake Fleet
Augusto Albertus	Lake Fleet
Charles Baly	Lake Fleet
Ricardo Statia	Lake Fleet
David Van Putten	Lake Fleet
Zilphus Fleming	Lake Fleet
Robert Anderson	Lake Fleet
Ernest Winfield Ines De Palm	Lake Fleet Lake Fleet
Francisco Thomas	Lake Fleet
Policiano Muller	Lake Fleet
James Van Stralen	Lake Fleet
Simon Semeleer	Lake Fleet
Ernest Granger	Lake Fleet
Abraham Marshall	Lake Fleet
Pablo Bernabela	Lake Fleet
Cipriano Velasquez Alfredo Nicolaas	Lake Fleet Lake Fleet
James Leerdam	Lake Fleet
Charles Hassell	Lake Fleet
James Smith	Lake Fleet
Mathias Bristol	Lake Fleet
Wan Hee	Lake Fleet
Sixte Coffiel Marie Agunbero	Lake Fleet Lake Fleet
James Muller	Lake Fleet
William Jackson	Lake Fleet
Cecil Farrell	Lake Fleet
Nicolaas Boezem	Lake Fleet
Thomas Gordon	Lake Fleet
Remacle Martis Benito Giel	Lake Fleet Lake Fleet
Cirapio Thielman	Lake Fleet
John Taylor	Lake Fleet
Oswald Richardson	Lake Fleet
Oniel Richardson	Lake Fleet
Roberto Statia	Lake Fleet
Adrea Hazel Cornelis Egbrechts	Lake Fleet Lake Fleet
Samuel Wilson	Lake Fleet
Ross Napier	Lake Fleet
James Smith	Lake Fleet
Silverie Bernabela	Lake Fleet
Ray Browne Simon Boezem	Lake Fleet Lake Fleet
Adolphus Hassell	Lake Fleet
Germain Olena	Lake Fleet
James Shew	Lake Fleet
Clifton Richardson	Lake Fleet
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Pedro Winklaar Walter Hassell	Lake Fleet
Cornelis Rosario	Lake Fleet
Willem Muller	Lake Fleet
Ceriaco Thielman	Lake Fleet
Leon Hart	Lake Fleet
Eudaldo Rosario Candido Yanga	Lake Fleet Lake Fleet
Robert Richardson	Lake Fleet
Fred Blijden	Lake Fleet
Vicente Pataca	Lake Fleet
Donald Hassell	Lake Fleet
Frits Valentijn Samuel Wilson	Lake Fleet
Jacob Hassell	Lake Fleet Lake Fleet
Louis Martijn	Lake Fleet
Francisco Statia	Lake Fleet
Ulric Jackson	Lake Fleet

#### Baseball Round-Up Next Issue

A round-up story on the recently completed Lago Sport Park baseball league will appear in the next issue. (See pictures on this page and on page 5.)

#### NEW ARRIVALS

A son, Erik, to Mr. and Mrs. Johan Wagemakor, January 25.
A daughter. Cecilia Teresita, to Mr. and Mrs. Bonifacio Maduro, January 26.
A daughter, Evelina Margarita, to Mr. and Mrs. Jose Quant, January 26.
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A son, Russell Hugh, to Mr. and Mrs. Coville Dowling, January 26.
A daughter, Sherr Louise, to Mr. and Mrs. Ason, Russell Hugh, to Mr. and Mrs. Orville Dowling, January 28.
A daughter, Sherr Louise, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Guadeloure, January 28.
A daughter, Hinrie Letitia, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Guadeloure, January 28.
A daughter, Hinrie Letitia, to Mr. and Mrs. Podro Erasmus, January 28.
A daughter, Hinrie Letitia, to Mr. and Mrs. Cornelio Maduro, January 28.
A son, Christian Eugene Montague, to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Volney. January 28.
A son, Clauder Felix to Mr. and Mrs. Jenry down of the Mrs. And Mrs. And Christian Eugene Montague, to Mr. and Mrs. Anon, Herman John Anselm, to Mr. and Mrs. Ason, Letre Royell, January 30.
A son, Herman John Anselm, to Mr. and Mrs. Aron, Pedro Ramon, to Mr. and Mrs. Juan Krozendijk, January 31.
A daughter, Vigil Andersy 31.
A daughter, Loilta Brigida, to Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Briceno, February 1.
A daughter, Joyla Theresa, to Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Providence, February 2.
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A son, Rudolph Anthony Lloyd, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Carmichael, February 2.
A daughter Ellevia Leanora, to Mr. and Mrs. Carnor Leethout, February 3.
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A daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Park.

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A son, to Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Bryson, February 12. daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Koos Bergeik,



Marcelo Nicolaas, bosum on the Shoregang, was married to Natalia Beaumont on December 22. The couple are seen above (center) with Elco Nicolaas and Alendrina Yanga. Following the ceremony, a reception was held in San Nicolas at No. 2 Maurtizstraat. Many friends from the Lake Tanker Fleet were present for the occasion. Mr. Nicolaas has worked for Esso Transportation since 1933.

(Photo by Romer).



Recent graduates of the three-year Practical Nurses' Training Course are shown above with Ruth Stambaugh, Directoress of Nursing Service. From left to right are Crestane Gibbs, Henriette Maccow, Pearlena Nicholas, Muriel King, Annie Joseph, Darling Nyack, Jane Friday, Ethel Quashie, and Miss Stambaugh. Training of the group, which was carried on under the instruction of nurses from the Hospital staff, included both theory and practical work in various sections of the Hospital.



The Dodgers, champions of the 1949 Lago Sport Park baseball league, are seen above. In front, from left to right, are Rudolfo Hazel, mascot; V. Steward, M. Halley, A. Marlin, A. Veloz, V. Arrindell, and J. Hanley. In back: G. Hazel, E. Vroolijk, B. Hoftijzer (manager), F. Romer (president), A. Lake, R. Romney, J. Mata, A. Phillips, a spectator, G. Hodge, a spectator, and J. Perez, captain.

### 1950 Cricket Competition Started at Sport Park

Sixteen teams have entered the Lago Sport Park 1950 Cricket Competition. with team play due to have started on February 11. Matches will be played at the Sport Park each Saturday and Sunday, with each team in the league playing the other once.

Teams in the Intermediate League will play on Saturdays, starting at 1:15 in the afternoon and ending at 6:30 p.m. Senior teams will play on Sundays, starting at 10 in the morning and ending at

There are two leagues in the Senior Group, the Eastern and the Western Eastern teams are Baden Powell A, St. Vincent A, Grenada, and St. Eustatius. Western teams are Spartan A, Marylebourne, Barbados, and Dominica.

The Intermediate teams have been divided into the Northern and Southern leagues. Northern teams are Spartan B, St. Vincent B, Baden Powell B, and Marine. Southern teams are Commonwealth, Rising Sun, Barbados B, and

The season was to open on the 11th with Spartan B meeting Baden Powell B. The following day St. Vincent A was matched with Baden Powell A.

Other matches scheduled in the near feature: Commonwealth and Barbados B on February 18; Spartan A and Marylebourne on the 19th; Marine and St. Vincent B on the 25th; St. Eustatius and Grenada on the 26th; Rising Sun and Oxford on March 4; and Barbados and Dominica on March 5.

The cricket tourney is being handled by the Lago Sport Park Recreation Committee through a cricket sub-committee headed by A. Mathews, with D. Solomon as secretary. Other members are M. Dalrymple, P. Storey, R. Rohoman, C. A. Brown, and A. Maccow.

SAFETY PAYS



Another cubic yard of concrete goes into the columns being poured at the new Retail Commissary west of the Main Gate. Good progress is being made on the job, with all columns finished in the Cold Storage area and part in the Retail area. Next step will be the extensive carpentry work of building the wood forms into which cement will be poured to make the roof.

Un otro cantidad di concreet ta bai den bashamento di columnanan di Comisario nobo p'abor di Main Gate. Trabao ta progresando bon, y siguiente paso lo ta trabao di carpinteria pa prepará formanan pa basha columnanan pa trahamento di dak.

#### DEATHS

Clen De C. Stuart, machinist B at the Drydock, died February 9. He was 45 years old and had worked for the Company for almost five years.

Born in Trinidad, Mr. Stuart is survied by his widow.





